

Anxiety, Judging, Praying

Matthew 6:25 – 7:11

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Jesus used parabolic illustrations to convey ethical and _____ truths. What do anxiety, _____, and praying have to do with one another? Why are they grouped together in this instruction? In this passage, we find three _____ of illustrations, on three subjects or themes. The first, _____ and lilies; the second, the mote and the _____, and dogs and _____; the third, a _____ and stone, and the _____ and serpent. These are illustrations of contrast rather than _____.

A. Birds and Lilies; The _____ of anxiety about necessary things

1. What are necessary things?
 - a. Food, _____, and clothing
 - b. “Take no thought” is better translated, “Don’t be _____.”
2. Why not be anxious (_____)?
 - a. It is _____. God knows you have needs.
 - b. It is _____. Don’t waste great energy on worthless things.
 - c. It is _____. You cannot increase your life.
3. How to _____ from worrying
 - a. _____ on eternal things, not temporal cares.
 - b. God knows your _____ and takes care of those whom He has created.
 - c. _____ all your intelligence, planning, and ability cannot _____ your life.
 - d. Our Lord was _____ telling us not to think or work, but rather to co-operate with Him in all our _____, then leave it with Him.

B. The Mote and Beam, and Dogs and Swine

1. The importance of exercising proper _____
 - a. Not in the sense of _____, which is forbidden
 - b. Use _____, proper and balanced evaluation.
2. Mote and beam
 - a. Mote – something very _____ in relation to everything else, and not something _____
 - b. Beam – a massive piece of timber. A _____ of censoring.
3. Dogs and swine
 - a. _____ what is hopeless and helpless.
 - b. Do not _____ the fundamentals of the faith.

C. The Loaf, the Stone; the Fish, the Serpent

1. Prayer is _____ in God’s Kingdom.
 - a. He shows how _____ God is.
 - b. God is not _____.
2. The _____ between man and God
 - a. Man, being evil, has the high _____ of doing good.
 - b. God, being perfect, will always give the _____, whether or not _____ think it is.
3. When we become anxious, we must use judgment according to the principles of God. If we find that to be difficult, we must go to the _____ house. Ask, seek, and knock!